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In re Application of: Dussinger et al.

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For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HEAT PIPE HEAT SPREADER WITH

THROUGH MOUNTING HOLES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified Continuation Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, on the line between the title and "§1. Background of the Invention", insert the following claim of priority:

_--|This application is a continuation application of copending U.S. Application

Serial No. 09/310,397, filed on May 12, 1999.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, starting on line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

---Fig. 3 is a plan view of an internal surface of the contact plate of the preferred embodiment of the invention showing the region of the capillary wick constructed of sintered higher heat conductivity powder. --

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